

REPORT

Of the Committee of Elections, to whom was referred the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 25th ultimo, instructing them to report whether any other members returned to this House "were not, at the time of their election, inhabitants of the state from which they were respectively returned."

MARCH 3, 1824.

Read, and committed to the committee of the whole House to which is committed the report of the Committee of Elections in the case of John Bailey.

The Committee of Elections

REPORT:

That, in compliance with the instructions contained in the resolution of the House of the 25th of February, they have obtained, from the Department of State, certain documents in relation to John Forsyth, one of the members returned from the state of Georgia, which they ask leave to make a part of this report. From these documents it appears that Mr. Forsyth was elected a member of the present Congress, during the time of his residence near the court of Spain, in the character of Minister Plenipotentiary from the United States. The committee are of opinion, that there is nothing in Mr. Forsyth's case which disqualifies him from holding a seat in this House. The capacity in which he acted excludes the idea, that, by the performance of his duty abroad, he ceased to be an inhabitant of the United States; and, if so, inasmuch as he had no inhabitancy in any other part of the Union than Georgia, he must be considered as in the same situation as before the acceptance of the appointment. The committee respectfully ask leave to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject referred to them.

COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS,

February 26th, 1824.

SIR: If there are any documents or evidences in the Department over which you preside, that will enable the committee to comply with the duty imposed by the enclosed resolution of the House of

Majesty has been pleased to appoint the hour of twelve in the morning of the 2d, to receive you to your audience of taking leave.

I renew to you the assurances of my most distinguished consideration, and pray God to preserve you many years.

Your most obedient humble servant,

EVARISTO SAN MIGUEL.